

NOTICE FOR MOTORIZED PLACER OPERATIONS

ROYAL GORGE FIELD OFFICE & ARKANSAS HEADWATERS RECREATION AREA

Bureau of Land Management
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Applicant Name: _____
 Street Address: _____

 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone Number: _____

Applicable use for over-the-counter acceptance:

- Placer mining operations that have been determined to be greater than a casual use classification
- Non-group claim blocks along the Arkansas River from April 1 to September 30
- Notice level activity along the Arkansas River that requires agency review.

Please read and agree to abide by the attached stipulations and the terms and conditions of this notice, to include the following:

- I understand that I need claim owner permission to access mining claims, as applicable.
- I understand that enforcement of applicable regulations to protect the public health and safety and the environment will be administered by appropriate federal, state, or local authorities.
- This notice must be kept with the user when on site.

Signature (Applicant)

 Date

Signature (Authorized Officer)

 Date

BLM Official Use Only

Notice Information

Notice Number: CO-200- 2012 _____

COC: _____

Bonding Amount: _____
(Bonding amount is set by the BLM based on this form)

Date Received: _____

Date Mailed : _____

Expiration Date: **September 30, 2013**

Payment Information

Type
 Date
 Initials

Mining Operation Classification:

- **Casual Use Activities.** These activities ordinarily result in no or negligible disturbance of the public lands or resources. Casual use generally includes the collection of geochemical, rock, soil or mineral specimens using hand tools; hand panning; or non-motorized sluicing. It may include use of small, portable battery-operated devices for sensing the presence of minerals. Casual use does not include use of mechanized earth-moving equipment. ***These activities do not require completion of this form.***
- **Notice Level Activities Requiring an Over-the-Counter Authorization.** In most cases, authorization can be obtained at the time of application for public land areas on the Arkansas River.
- **Notice Level Activities Requiring Agency Review.** Notices that exceed the thresholds for over the counter authorization will require a 15-day review period once a notice has been submitted. Bonding for review level notices will be determined on a case-by-case basis. If this applies to your notice level activity, you will need to submit a topographic map with work location marked, a legal land description using township, range and section (s), a claim name and CMC number and a proposed work plan that details equipment size, times of operation, etc. for all sites where you are proposing to conduct operations.
- **Plan level Authorization.** Any application that is determined to fall under the definition of mining or submitted within an Area of Critical Environmental Concern will be defined as a plan of operations under the 43 CFR 3809 regulations and subject to those parts of the regulations pertaining to a plan of operations as opposed to a notice.

OPERATION DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

BELOW THE HIGH WATER LINE

- ☐ Suction Dredge
- ☐ Small Combo

ABOVE THE HIGH WATER LINE

- ☐ High Banker
- ☐ Small Combo

The following thresholds apply to over-the-counter authorizations:

Arkansas River Only

In stream (suction dredging) is limited to a 4-inch intake nozzle and a motor not to exceed 8hp in total size.

Arkansas River

Point Bar Placer Area Only

On shore (high banking) is limited to a 3-inch intake nozzle and a motor not to exceed 8hp in total size.

Engine Size (total HP): _____

Maximum suction intake hose size: _____

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Maximum suction intake hose size: _____

Area(s) of Operation

- \$25 for up to three locations. List these out, in priority order of use.
- This notice applies to operations along the Arkansas River and can include areas such as the designated Point Bar Placer Area and individually owned claims.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

- If additional areas are requested, they may be subject to an increase in bond amount. Please list additional areas below:

1. _____

2. _____

- \$25 for each location.

- ☐ The designated Point Bar Placer Area
- ☐ Other (list below)

1. _____

2. _____

Total Costs for all placer activities _____

General Conditions of Use

All Placer Activities:

- Streamside (riparian) vegetation shall not be damaged by operations.
- Motorized vehicles are restricted to designated roads and parking areas and shall be kept at least 20 feet from the edge of the stream, and away from wet or muddy areas next to the stream, streamside vegetation, or wetlands.
- On shore excavation locations shall be refilled upon completion of work. If the operator leaves the area for more than a two-day period, this work must be completed prior to departure.
- All trash, debris, or other items that were brought to the area, shall be removed to an approved disposal site when work is completed.

Public lands:

- Control erosion and water runoff.
- Take measures to isolate, remove, or control toxic materials.
- Reshape and re-vegetate disturbed areas where reasonable and practicable.
- Rehabilitate fisheries and wildlife habitat where reasonable and practicable.
- Maintain equipment, and other facilities in a safe and orderly manner.
- Do not collect or disturb historic or archaeological resources or sites.
- All operations are required to comply with applicable state or federal regulations pertaining to threatened and endangered species.
- Unnecessary and undue degradation of public lands is not authorized.

Camping:

- You must not camp longer than 14 days in any 30 day period, at any one location, including any campground on public land. After the 14 days have been reached, you must move at least 30 air miles away from the previously occupied location.
- All campers are required at a minimum to carry and use a portable toilet and fire pan.
- The camping regulations apply to individuals camping on public lands in undeveloped locations and for relatively short durations for recreational purposes.
- Camping is authorized utilizing standard guidance applicable to public lands along the Arkansas River in cooperation with the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area.

All notice level operations on the Arkansas River:

- Notice level operations along the Arkansas River are prohibited between October 1 and March 31 to protect brown trout during the fish spawning period.
- Operations shall not take place within 200 feet of a public water supply intake, fish hatchery intake, irrigation diversion structure, bridge support, developed recreational sites, or boat ramp.

☐ On Shore High Banking

- A settling pond or area that prevents direct return of processed water to the river or stream is required for all high banking activities.
- Water being used for this operation needs to be returned to same part of the waterway.
- Disturbance or undercutting of trees is not authorized.

☐ In Stream Suction Dredging

- Materials too large in size to be moved by hand or hand held implements shall remain undisturbed.
- Anchorage systems for suction dredging operations shall not span the stream or interfere with the passage of watercraft.
- Gasoline engines must be filled in a manner that prevents spills into the river and fuel stored at least 100 feet from the river.